

Testimony of Jan van Heurck in Support of:

HJ 64 RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONVENE AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION
TO OVERTURN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED
V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

GAE Committee Public Hearing
Monday March 2, 1pm
Room 2A

Chairman Jutila, Chairman Cassano, Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, for the record my name is Jan van Heurck of Madison, CT and I am here to testify in support of HJ 64 RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONVENE AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION TO OVERTURN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION.

For five years I signed every petition I could find from groups that were trying to amend the Citizens United decision. I've seen the cost of election campaigns going up and the TV ad campaigns becoming more vicious. It seems to me that legislators spend much of their time in fundraising and that money is having ever more influence on the outcome of elections. You need to be wealthy even to run for a national office. I feel as if I, as an individual, have no way to compete with the financial power of corporations that fund campaigns now. I think that businesses should not be involved in influencing elections. I know that things don't have to be this way because I lived in Britain for a number of years where elections are publicly financed and parties are given equal time, free of charge, on television to put their case to the public. I feel that the Supreme Court made a serious mistake in allowing corporations to fund elections and in raising the cap on contributions. Campaign financing should be regulated. Please support HJ64 and find a way to amend the Citizens United decision.

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